

Battalion Editorials

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Not All Good nor All Bad

THOSE people who are puzzled and somewhat befuddled by the alliance and friendship which exists, at least on the surface, between the United States and Argentina should, perhaps, read Sherwood Anderson's short story "I Want to Know Why."

In that story, Anderson shows how a boy comes to know that a person is neither all good nor all evil but a baffling mixture of both.

Countries seem to follow that same pattern. It would be wonderful for our international planners if they could group all

Classified in the Lexington (Ky.) Herald: "Man to fry cook. Must be fast, polite, sober and clean-cut."

Indecision:

Big UN Weakness

ONE MAJOR Western deficiency is slowly becoming apparent. The big question is—who is running the show?

Some candidates for this honor are President Truman, the United Nations Assembly, Congress, and more recently General MacArthur. Authority as such has been watered down to the point that no one has enough of it to insure decisiveness.

Prime Minister Nehru, of India, takes a dim view of MacArthur's attempt to settle the Korean war "in the field." In his opinion authority for such decisions of policy does not rest with a field commander.

The forces under MacArthur's command are ostensibly U. N. forces, and this would imply U. N. direction. Unity of purpose is apparently one thing, and unity of action for this immature body is indeed something else. Empires could be won and lost while the endless debates continue.

Political bungling during World War II is the cause of many present difficulties in the diplomatic field. British leaders, for example, advocated meeting the Russians as far East as possible, but they were overruled by F. D. R. Had MacArthur not held firmly against all opposition, there would be a joint Russian-American administration for Japan at the present time.

Until the "military versus political" authority battle is settled, we will go along with the MacArthur plan.

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Some Things Considered

Daily Texan Enters Ayres' Case Again In Regents' Letter

By CLAYTON SELPH

THE DAILY TEXAN, student newspaper of the University of Texas, was spotlighted in the Legislative investigation of TU Economics Professor Clarence E. Ayres again yesterday in a letter from University officials read on the House floor.



Selph

The letter said stories in the Texan "failed to give a complete report or in some respects a correct impression of Dr. Ayres' speech . . . (it) was of a technical nature and on a technical subject . . . it is difficult to write a news report of such a speech which will be in all respects adequate and accurate."

Rep. Marshall Bell of San Antonio, author of the resolution charging Ayres with socialism, had quoted parts of the Texan stories in his resolution.

Bell's resolution passed the House 130-1 and a committee of University officials have made an investigation. The letter was a report of their investigation in which they would not fire Ayres.

The Regent's letter also pointed out that Bell had made a seven year date error in his resolution when he said the stories were 1950 Texan articles. The stories appeared in the Texan in 1944.

Representative Bell, after hearing the Regent's letter, said that is "just about what could be expected."

"I am studying the matter carefully, and when I do have something to say, I will put it down in black and white so there won't be any chance that I'll be misquoted like poor, dear Dr. Ayres," the Associated Press reported Bell as saying.

Later Bell said the Regents had failed to consider several books written by Ayres, although the books had been called to their attention.

Texan Has Backed Ayres Editorially

The Daily Texan has been giving the Ayres' case full coverage since its beginning and has backed Ayres' in its editorials.

Ronnie Dugger, former Texan editor covering the Ayres' story for the University daily, said in the newspaper's lead story Sunday morning that "University leaders have found no facts to justify firing Dr. Ayres. They told the House of Representatives which suggested his dismissal two weeks ago that Dr. Ayres is neither a Communist nor a subversive and that he has gone beyond the limitations which should properly control a professor of economics."

Quoting from the Regents' letter, Dugger's story said, "We must guard against forces that would keep from our youth the kind of training which will produce independent thinking."

A quote Dugger obtained from Dr. Ayres read, "I have never wavered in my confidences that the Board and the Administration would uphold the integrity of the University, and I think the entire faculty feels the same way."

The Daily Texan on its editorial page Sunday morning reproduced the five-and-a-half-page letter signed by University Regent Claude Voyles, Chancellor James Hart and President T. S. Painter.

And in a Sunday morning editorial, The Texan lauded the Regents' report to the Legislature as "one of the better policy statements to come from the University administration."

Considered one of the most interesting articles in Jontel's Journal of the last voyage by LaSalle to the Gulf of Mexico to find the mouth of the Mississippi River. The book was printed in Eng-

ly that he is going to study the matter further and has not revealed whether he intends to support further Legislative action concerning Professor Ayres.

in Regent's Letter

In their letter the investigating trio called to the attention of the Legislature "the necessity that teachers should be free to discuss current problems within their special fields, subject of course to the limitation that they should not teach doctrines of a disloyal or illegal nature."

"We agree with the (House resolution) that we face a 'world of chaos and peril,' but being sincere believers in the motto which is carved in stone on our Administration Building, 'Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free,' we are certain that enlightened minds alone form the ultimate protection against those factors at home and abroad which are seeking to destroy this country. . . .

"The right to discuss questions in public should not be confused with the question whether such discussion is wise or popular or opportune under all the existing circumstances."

"We are keenly conscious that unfortunately and regrettably the entire University sometimes suffers from the indiscreet or unpopular actions or utterances of a single member of the faculty. We wish to report . . . however that we have not found in our investigations to this date evidence which would justify us in failing to or refusing to continue Dr. Ayres' contract of employment."

Dr. Ayres has denied both charges made by Representative Bell that he (Ayres) had advocated Socialism or called free enterprise "decadent."

Dugger's story reported that on the floor of the House Bell had called Ayres "an educational termite undermining the capitalistic system."

Bell's resolution also charged that Dr. Ayres had appeared in company with Wendell Addington, a University student and professed Communist, against a loyalty oath bill in 1949.

Dr. Ayres has denied acting with Addington or even being personally acquainted or having any contact with Addington.

University Regents pointed out that Dr. Ayres had signed the Legislature required loyalty oath and further stated that they did not think they had any Communists on the University staff.

With the University report completed and before the Legislature it will now be up to a vote of that body as to whether they wish to pursue further action in the case. Representative Bell has said on-

Eight Scholarships Totaling \$2,833 to Be Given in Spring

Eight scholarships, totaling \$2,833, will be given this Spring to students by the Faculty Committee on Scholarships, provided qualified candidates are available. The basic qualifications for candidates are scholarship, evidence of leadership, and need of financial assistance. Students are invited by the faculty committee to submit applications in their own behalf, or in behalf of any student they feel deserving of a scholarship.

Financial Assistance

The Krueger Award of \$500 will be given to a student with an outstanding record who has earned a substantial portion of his college expenses and who plans to graduate next year.

The Jesse H. Jones Reward for Achievement, worth \$300, will be awarded on substantially the same basis.

The Albert Banta Award of \$300 will be given to a student who has overcome serious financial handicaps for his educational career.

The W. S. Mosher Memorial Scholarships of \$600 each will be given to two students with two years of college remaining who are studying for a career in the general field of structural engineering. In special cases the award may include students majoring in structural civil engineering or architectural construction.

Award to Sophomore

A sophomore liberal arts major taking military science will be selected to receive the Lullie Hughey Lane Scholarship Award of the Texas Society, United States Daughters of 1812.

The award, worth \$200, is awarded on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and character with special consideration given to a student who has overcome difficult financial obstacles.

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An award of \$100 will be given by the Brazos County Mother's Club to an outstanding student with preference to residents of Brazos County.

Application blanks can be obtained from the Registrar's office or from the head of any college department.

All applications for awards must be filed with R. G. Perryman, Assistant Registrar and Secretary of the Faculty Scholarships Committee by April 15.

Hostel Scholarship Features Travel

American Youth Hostels is offering a free scholarship trip to Europe next summer with all expenses paid. The scholarship award will be awarded to the person writing the best essay on "Why I Would Like to Go Hostelling in Europe."

The winner of the contest will spend eight weeks abroad and may have his choice of the trip to the British Isles, Central Europe, or France and the Rhineland.

Entries must be postmarked not later than April 15.

Further information concerning the essays and the trips may be secured from C. W. Landiss in the Physical Education Department.

By English Department

Historic Display Set Up in MSC

An exhibit of rare books, manuscripts, photographs, and articles of general interest illustrating the heritage of Texas has been prepared by the Department of English in conjunction with Arts and Sciences Week and is now on display in the MSC.

The display was arranged by J. Frank Pierce of the English Dept. and is expected to be of great interest to the 500-700 visitors expected for Arts and Sciences Week. The four Texas paintings of H. O. Kelly, presented to A&M by the Ford Motor Co. are also included in the exhibition.

Among the items on display are a Mexican manuscript about the Canary Islanders who settled San Antonio in 1730, books about the famous Texas Navy and a picture of the schooner San Antonio.

There is a sword presented by Sam Houston to the Masons of Holland Lodge Number One in Houston, a Mexican pamphlet protesting the stationing of a U. S. Army under General Gaines on the Sabine River.

There are books about McCulloch and his Texas Rangers who refused to join the U. S. Army, but fought the Mexicans independently, famous Texas feuds, and some books by women writers.

A slave deed dated 1846 selling an 18 month old negro girl for \$125.00, a gavel made from wood taken from the Alamo Garden as well as books and pictures about the Alamo are also exhibited.

Also, there is a receipt for a bay horse and a mile signed by Henry Karns, famous Texas scout, who moved Col. Ben Milan's body from the yard of the Governor's Palace to its final resting place.

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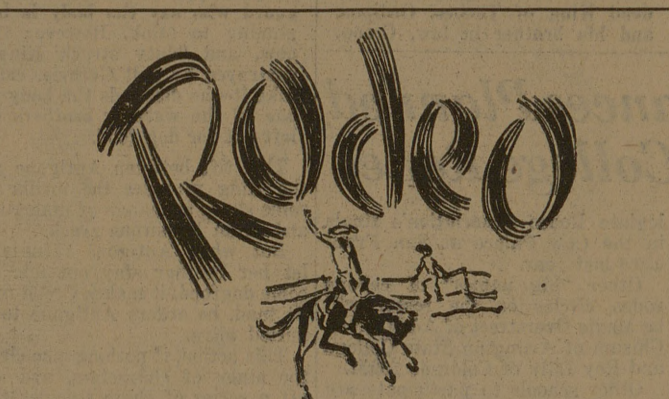
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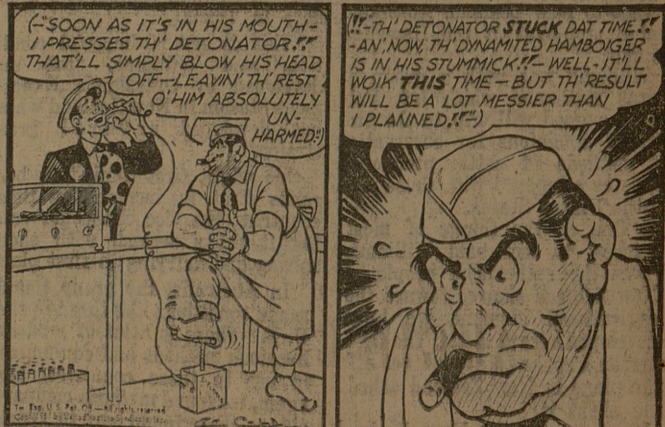


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